



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5706

House of Representatives, March 20, 2008

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS, P. of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF IDENTIFYING MARKS ON DENTAL PROSTHESES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Each dentist licensed in
- 2 this state who either makes or directs to be made a removable
- 3 prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance or other structure to be worn in a
- 4 person's mouth, shall offer to the patient for whom the prosthesis is to
- 5 be made, the opportunity to have such prosthesis marked with the
- 6 patient's name or initials. Such markings shall be accomplished at the
- 7 time the prosthesis is made and the location and methods used to
- 8 apply or implant such markings shall be determined by the dentist or
- 9 person directed to act on behalf of the dentist. Such marking shall be
- 10 permanent, legible and cosmetically acceptable. A dentist shall advise
- 11 the patient of any additional charges that may be incurred to obtain
- 12 such markings on the prosthesis. Notwithstanding the provisions of
- 13 this section, if in the professional judgment of the dentist or the entity
- 14 that is making the prosthesis, such markings are not practicable or

- 15 clinically safe, the identifying marks may be omitted entirely.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
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PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5706*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF IDENTIFYING MARKS ON DENTAL PROSTHESES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires state-licensed dentists to offer to those patients who need removable prosthetic dentures, bridges, appliances, or other structures the opportunity to have identifying marks placed on the prosthesis. This applies to dentists who either make or direct such prosthesis to be made.

The markings must be done when the prosthesis is made with the location and methods used to apply or implant the markings determined by the dentist or person acting on his or her behalf. The markings must be permanent, legible, and cosmetically acceptable.

The dentist must advise the patient of any additional charges for the prosthesis markings. The bill allows the markings to be omitted if the dentist or entity making the prosthesis determines it is not practicable or clinically safe.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/07/2008)